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To: Judge Kollar Kotelly
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Subject: Microsoft Settlement

Hi Judge Kollar-Kotelly,

Good day to you Judge!

I am sending you this email to comment something with regards to the controversial Tunney Act in which passed by the US Congress. This is particularly the Microsoft monopoly issue.

My name is Mr. Andrebon G. Montefrio, Jr., from Philippines. I heard that you are the Independent Judge who will review and approve the Justice Departments proposed agreement.

I believe as a consumer of a product, it is important to have at least two or more options to choose of what to buy or consume. For example, a consumer wanted to buy a car, choosing between five different cars would help him arrive at his decision more handily. As for me, if I wanted to purchase a Computer System, I should have many choices of brands or models before I will buy it. Of course it depends on my budget, preferences, system performance and other factors.

With Microsofts case, I think a lot of many software companies were hurt by it. Microsoft has been into monopoly since the start. And it became more obvious now. With the current OS, which is Windows XP, software applications embedded with it made the other software manufacturers life gloomy. With its many features such as the Media Player, Internet Browser, Utilities, and many more, competition with other companies is never that stiff. What happens now to Netscape? How about the other software makers? All will eventually close down. And who is in the losing end? Not just the other software companies but also the consumers as well. Consumers will not be able to try and test alternative software or even Operating Systems. Other technologies will not be available in the market because no one will try them anymore. What for? Windows XP has it all already. Much more, PC companies would be using the new Microsoft OS for sales growth. So the more PCs will be purchased, the more the Microsoft users there will be. The more the

monopoly there will be.

What I am trying to say is, Microsoft should play the field fairly. Give other companies the chance to play the field and for the consumers to have the opportunity to try other options. The more they become bigger, the less the competition there is.

Thank you for your time. I hope I have clearly stated my point here. Please review carefully the agreement before signing it.

More power to you!

Cheers,

Andrebon G. Montefrio, Jr.

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